
Transportation and Communications Committee
July 7, 2005

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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. AN AUDIOCASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Transportation and Communications Committee held its meeting at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Lee Ann Garcia, Chair, City of Grand Terrace. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Aldinger, Jim	City of Manhattan Beach
Beauman, John	City of Brea
Bone, Lou	City of Tustin
Brown, Art	City of Buena Park
Burke, Yvonne	City of Los Angeles
Daniels, Gene	City of Paramount
Dixon, Richard	City of Lake Forrest
Garcia, Lee Ann	City of Grand Terrace
Gurule, Frank	City of Cudahy
Hernandez, Robert	City of Anaheim
Herrera, Carol	SGVCOG
Joffe, Enid	San Gabriel Valley COG
Lowe, Robin	City of Hemet/RCTC
Lowenthal, Bonnie	City of Long Beach
Mikels, Judy	Ventura County
O'Connor, Pam	City of Santa Monica
Pettis, Greg	Cathedral City
Ridgeway, Tod	City of Newport Beach
Roberts, Ron	City of Temecula
Rutherford, Mark	City of Westlake Village
Smith, Greg	City of Los Angeles
Stone, Jeff	Riverside County
Sykes, Tom	City of Walnut
Wapner, Alan	City of Ontario

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Members Not Present

Adams, Steve	Riverside, WRCOG
Baldwin, Harry	City of San Gabriel
Becerra, Glen	City of Simi Valley
Buckley, Tom	City of Lake Elsinore
Cervantes, Jesus	Commerce, Gateway Cities COG
Correa, Lou	City of Orange County
Dale, Lawrence	City of Barstow
DeLara, Juan	City of Coachella
De Young, Cathryn	City of Laguna Niguel
Dunlap, Judy	City of Inglewood
Fasana, John	City of Duarte
Flickinger, Bonnie	City of Moreno Valley
Gabelich, Rae	City of Long Beach
George, Gary	City of Redlands
Hall, Isadore	City of Compton
Herzog, Peter	OCOG
Marshall, Patsy	City of Buena Park
Miller, Paul	City of Simi Valley
Millhouse, Keith	City of Moorpark
Nuaimi, Mark	City of Fontana
Ovitt, Gary	San Bernardino County
Smyth, Cameron	City of Santa Clarita
Spence, David	City of Arroyo Verdugo
Szerlip, Don	South Bay Cities COG
Talbot, Paul	City of Alhambra
Tyler, Sidney	City of Pasadena
Uranga, Tonia Reyes	City of Long Beach

New Members

Moqet, Shenna	City of Calimesa
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Voting Members, Not Elected Official

Casey, Rose	Caltrans
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1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

Chair, the Honorable Lee Ann Garcia, called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

2.0 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Councilmember Carol Herrera nominated Councilmember Harry Baldwin, City of San Gabriel as Chair, Councilmember Enid Joffee seconded the motion. Motion was made to close the nomination and seconded. The committee unanimously approved the nomination of the Honorable Harry Baldwin as Chairman of the Transportation and Communications Committee.

Councilmember Carol Herrera nominated Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal, City of Long Beach, as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments at this time

4.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

5.1 Approval Item

5.1.1 Approve Minutes of May 5, 2005

Councilmember Lou Bone made a correction to the 7.0 Maglev Task Force Report which reflected that the meeting is held the third Wednesday of every month at 11:00 a.m. He asked that it be noted that it is the second Thursday of every month at 11:00 a.m.

5.2 Receive and File

5.2.1 State and Federal Legislative Matrix

5.2.2 SCAG Future Events Calendar

MOTION was made to approve the Consent Calendar items.
Motion was SECONDED, and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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6.0 ACTION ITEMS
None at this time.

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Ontario International Airport Ground Access Plan

SCAG's consultant project manager, Vigen Davidian of Meyer, Mohaddess Associates, provided a presentation of the work they just completed related to the Ground Access Plan for Ontario International Airport.

As part of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update process, SCAG is required to develop a regional ground access improvement program for the airport system. SCAG is nearing the conclusion of a ground access study for the Ontario International Airport, having worked closely with the City of Ontario, San Bernardino Associated Governments, Caltrans, and Los Angeles World Airports. We also formed a stakeholders group made up of about eighteen jurisdiction and different entities that are effected by and very interested in what happens to Ontario Airport and the need for improving access to the airport.

The airport is strategically located and currently is one of the most accessible in the region between three freeways. It also has two active railroads on either side of the airport. Currently over 600,000 tons of cargo is moved in and out of the Ontario Airport, which is one of its major functions as a cargo moving airport. In the future it will be even more so with the projections of goods movement activity. The passenger activity currently is about 6.5 million annually and that's projected through the master plan of the airport to be about 30 million annual passengers by 2030 and beyond.

The growth that is projected in the region is very heavy, it is expected that both passenger and cargo activity would increase 3-4 times what it is currently. The airport has a very strong economic impact on the region and that is one of the main reasons why the mobility in the region serving the airport needs to be maintained and enhanced.

The short-term priority projects include: various modes, completion of the 210 freeway, various HOV lanes that are in the RTP, as well as improvement on arterials that serve the airport and are vital to the area. The mid-term projects that are further out include: additional grade separations around the airport, additional grade separations of key intersections, additional grade separations for the railroads, a direct HOV connector from Interstate 10 to the airport.

The implementation strategies are to pursue all the RTP projects, the completion and implementation of those, and to support funding for all the projects. And, to develop

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and refine the projects that we additionally developed as part of this program with the detailed concepts, the cost estimates, refinement of cost estimates, the funding sources, etc.

Mr. Davidian concluded his presentation stating that the study will be completed by June 30, 2005, and the results will be summarized in a final report. The goal of the study is to develop a comprehensive package of improvement strategies that can be integrated into the next update of the RTP.

The committee requested that the final report be e-mailed to them once it was completed.

7.2 Update on SCAG's Goods Movement Program

Nancy Pfeffer, SCAG Staff, gave a presentation on the SCAG goods movement program that reviewed recent activities, summarized current activities, and looked forward into the next two fiscal years.

In February and May of this year, SCAG and the CTCs convened two Goods Movement Executive Stakeholder Roundtables. These meetings resulted in several important consensus points: example, that public-private cooperation is essential to meet the region's goods movement system needs. The Roundtables also resulted in the development of a "value matrix" conveying the ways in which goods movement system investments can provide value to both the private and the public sector, and identification of the values of greatest interest to the private sector.

In response to a follow-up request from the Secretary of State, SCAG again worked with the stakeholders to identify the region's high-priority goods movement projects: those that could be implemented soonest and that could provide opportunities for public-private partnerships. This process resulted in the identification of ten high-priority projects totaling \$3.75 billion: five rail projects, totaling \$2.425 billion, and five highway projects, totaling about \$1.321 billion. Staff is now working to analyze the benefits of these goods movement system investments in the terms that are most important to the private sector: speed, and reliability or predictability of travel time.

This study will be coordinated with the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan and collaboration among the CTCs, Caltrans, and SCAG. It will begin this July with the commencement of a \$1.2 million consultant contract with Wilbur Smith Associates, leading a team that includes many of the region's recognized goods movement experts. The duration of the effort is expected to be a year and a half, to two years, and the results will go into the 2007 RTP.

7.3 Compass 2% Strategy Tools and Resources

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Mark Butala, SCAG Staff, gave a presentation on *The 2% Strategy Suite of Services*. The suite is intended to provide tools and resources to local governments that would like assistance to develop plans and projects consistent with the Compass principles. These resources, available in July 2005, will be offered at no cost to all local governments.

Fundamental to the realization of the benefits shown from the Compass visioning project is achieving positive change on the ground. SCAG is working directly with local government partners to help achieve shared goals. One key component of this effort is a series of demonstration projects.

SCAG will offer planning assistance to cities that desire it, this incentive approach is intended to both assist the partner government, while at the same time, learning lessons that can be shared with other cities in the region. The city will have access to SCAG and its consultants, bringing with them a suite of new tools for planning, and the knowledge gained from both the visioning project, and the demonstration projects themselves.

Three to eight sites are expected for selection. For these sites, SCAG will offer a 'Suite of Services' based on a wide variety of consultant services, with funding dependent on a local match of 20% to 100%. These services will be focused on the planning and strategic needs of the areas identified as part of the "2% Strategy".

For local governments who would like to partner with SCAG, application forms for both the 'Suite of Services' and the demonstration projects are available on SCAG's website. Staff expects to have the first round of review of these applications later this fall.

The suite of services is provided in way similar to a á la Carte menu. All services are available, but only those most desired for each area will be used. This method encourages efficient use of resources and a strategy that is targeted to the needs of the local area. Items on the menu include: financial "Tipping Point" analysis, redevelopment strategies, development code amendments, urban design solutions, public involvement, photo-realistic visualizations, economic development strategies, and site selection.

Sites should represent a variety of economic and demographic characteristics, so that the sites selected display a diverse range of situations. The goal is for diversity in terms of community size, urban or suburban character, and geographic location within the region. Selected sites should include one or more of the following characteristics: developed area with high density infill, smaller city infill, newly developing areas, transit-oriented development on a vacant or underutilized site, greenfield mixed-use, new transportation investments - aging urban corridor, bus rapid transit, light rail, commuter rail, arterial boulevards & Maglev.

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8.0 MAGLEV TASK FORCE REPORT

Councilmember Lowe, City of Hemet/RCTC, reported that the Administrative Committee approved a Shanghai trip as long as the funds do not come from the general fund. Consequently, there are some dilemmas that need to get worked out for the funding and sponsorship. The proposal is for six elected officials to tour of the Maglev system in China sometime in the next two months.

The contract has been completed and notice to proceed will be sent soon for the Maglev Alternative Analysis Study. Lockheed Martin has a contract amendment that has been completed for phase two and has been signed by all parties. The MOU is now completed and signed by the City of Los Angeles, SANDBAG, and the City of Ontario.

It was noted that the committee would probably be dark next month.

9.0 CHAIR REPORT

Chair Garcia announced that this was the last meeting she would be chairing and gave thanks to the committee for their support and interests in facilitating the dialogue at the meetings.

10.0 STAFF REPORT

None at this time.

11.0 GOODS MOVEMENT TASK FORCE REPORT

None at this time.

12.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

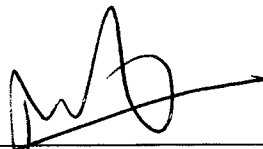
None at this time.

13.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that the committee would be dark next month.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Honorable Lee Ann Garcia, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.
The next committee meeting will be held on
September 1, 2005, 10:30 a.m., at the SCAG office.



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